

Missouri State Library

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Show Me Express features time-sensitive information about State Library programs and current news of interest to the Missouri library community.

WebJunction Offers Online Training

Library-specific courses are now available through WebJunction for free-to-all library workers and volunteers across the nation, through the generous support of OCLC, the Gates Foundation and many state library agencies. The catalog includes self-paced courses as well as archived webinars on customer service, library management, library services, marketing and messaging, technical services, technology, training and development, and youth services. Certificates of completion are available to print following course or webinar completion when the participant registers through the

[WebJunction course catalog](#).

A link to WebJunction is included on the updated [Education page](#) of Missouri State Library's website. Contact Brenda Allee-Bates at 800-325-0131 or brenda.alleebates@sos.mo.gov for further information.

Public Library Survey

The Public Library Survey is open to collect individual library data for fiscal year 2014. This survey collects data from the 151 public library districts across Missouri. The survey adheres to public library standards developed by the State Data Coordinators and the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), a division of the U.S. Census Bureau. The annual collection and reporting of library information is required by Missouri statute and the United States Congress. The data is used by the Missouri State Library, IMLS, Federal State Cooperative Statistics, National Center for Educational Statistics, and the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science. The survey is accessible at <http://collect.btol.com>. Logins and passwords are unchanged from last year and have been emailed to the library directors. The survey must be completed on or before **November 15, 2014**.

Questions about the survey may be directed to Terry Blauvelt at terry.blauvelt@sos.mo.gov or (573)526-1087.

Summer Reading Program Survey

The Summer Reading Program Survey is ready for input. To complete the survey, please visit <http://www.surveymoz.com/s3/1657278/2014-Summer-Reading-Program-Survey> upon completion of the 2014 children and/or teen summer reading programs. This survey should be completed by libraries regardless of whether or not a summer reading program was presented this summer. The deadline for responses is September 5, 2014. For further information, contact Lisa Peters, Youth Services Consultant, at lisa.peters@sos.mo.gov or 800-325-0131.

New Digital Collection in Missouri Digital Heritage

The [George Engelmann Papers](#), contributed by the Missouri Botanical Garden, is now available on Missouri Digital Heritage. George Engelmann (1809-1884) was a German doctor who immigrated with his family to Belleville, Illinois in the early 1830s. From there he moved to St. Louis and established a medical practice with his fellow expatriate Friedrich Adolph Wislizenus and led the creation of the Western Academy of Natural Sciences and later the Academy of Science of St. Louis. In the 1840s, Engelmann began a life-long correspondence with the Harvard botanist Asa Gray, and the two together arranged for the collection of plants in the Southwest before, during, and following the Mexican-American War through their respective networks of correspondents. Engelmann was also a scientific advisor to Henry Shaw in the early development of the Missouri Botanical Garden. He purchased the Bernhardt herbarium on Shaw's behalf and the first books for the garden library on a trip to Europe in 1857. In addition to his medical practice, Engelmann was an active botanical researcher with a special focus on Cactaceae, Vitaceae, Juncaceae and Isoetaceae. Engelmann's herbarium and papers were given to the Missouri Botanical Garden by his son after his death.

Engelmann conducted his correspondence in English, French and German with enduring contacts in Paris and Berlin as well as throughout the United States. The correspondence relates to botany, botanical surveys, and expeditions sponsored by the Smithsonian Institutions and other agencies of the United States government.

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